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INTRODUCTION



The recently published ACE Sector Study summary coins the term 'the new normal', which, in the language of "*engaging in a professional activity to provide a service and make a living*" means that the economic crisis is in its sixth year and has affected our profession badly, resulting in the dramatic reduction of project work, income and employment, with an

apparently worse impact on the south (and the very west) of Europe. The real decline of building activity is aggravated by the simultaneous interplay of fragmentation, codification and over-prescription of procedures and components and the growing multitude of rules, tools and instructions for singular elements. Our activities in the coming months are informed by the findings of the ACE Sector Study, the conclusions of the Colloquium the Architect 2020 held last November and our successful bid to directly contribute to the EU COM Construction 2020 Action Plan development which fall under the general objectives of Jobs & Growth.

The developments of Professional Qualifications Directive and Public Procurement Directive call for coordinated support at national level in each Member State to advance ACE positions. Mindful that PQD focuses on the mobility of architects in the internal market, the ACE worked hard to promote the length of training and inclusion of the requirement for the supervised post-graduate practical experience leading to licensing of architects, with partial success. The two options still to be agreed at the level of EU COM, Council and Parliament, reflect the different national situations and fall short of the '5 years of education+2 years of practical experience' formula advocated by the profession. Being aware of the potential controversies regarding the practical traineeship/internship/experience in particular in connection with the multiple cost implications of such a requirement, the ACE is currently developing an internal position. Other positive related outcomes are the regulations on the partial access to profession, reference to the five levels of Art. 10 as opposed to the eight of the European Qualifications Framework, on Common training framework, and recognized responsibility for competent authorities to certify professional experience, as well as the use of an e-certificate instead of a professional card. In relation to the finalization of the modifications to the Public Procurement Directive, the ACE calls on its members to actively contribute to promoting the common position at national levels. The key issues are to retain the old thresholds for access to tendering process, reduce the turnover requirements for practices and to combine the architectural contests with the negotiating procedures at national level. The ACE also welcomes the exemption of intellectual services from electronic auctions.

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The full implementation of the two directives is among the stated priorities of the Irish Presidency of the EU and I look forward to the progress as well as to exchange among our members on these and other vital issues for the practice of architecture at the ACE General Assembly this year, to be held in The Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe on 7th and 8th June 2013.

Selma Harrington
ACE President
March 2013

Sector Study 2012

PUBLICATION OF THE 2012 SECTOR STUDY

State of the Architectural Profession in Europe in 2012

The third edition of the Sector Study commissioned by the Architects' Council of Europe confirms that the profession is still suffering from the economic downturn. Between 2008 and 2012, construction output fell at a faster rate than GDP and the architectural market has continued to contract at a greater rate than the fall in construction output. Alongside this market slowdown, the number of architects is growing, resulting in a mis-match between supply and demand.

This unfavourable climate has impacted negatively on the profession's workload, salaries and profit margins. However, there are signs that the situation is stabilising. The largest falls were recorded between the first two surveys, in 2008 and 2010 – since then, the decline has been smaller. Architects' earnings have now almost stabilised and architectural practice pre-tax profits have increased for all practice sizes.

To get through this economic downturn, architects have adapted to this "new normal". The study shows that large practices have made cuts in their staff and more architects are now working part-time. At the same time, the number of 'micro' practices has increased, as newly redundant architects have set up new practices.

Results vary, however, from one country to another. Whereas in some northern and central European countries, construction output has started to rise again, in much of the south, the volume of construction continues to fall.

This study also collects statistical data about architects. The total number of architects in Europe-33 is estimated to be 549,000, 36% of whom are women and 40% are aged under 40. The 2012 Sector Study commissioned by the Architects' Council of Europe now covers 95% of the profession in Europe. It updates the 2008 and 2010 studies and is based on more than 27,000 responses received from architects established in 25 ACE member countries.

Full survey results are available in English and French on the ACE website at: http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/index/category_id/251/language/en



Review of the Professional Qualifications Directive: the ACE welcomes the report adopted by the Internal Market Committee



Following the adoption of [Bernadette Vergnaud's final report](#) on modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD) on 23

January 2013, the Internal Market Committee (IMCO) voted on 21 February to start first reading negotiations with the European Commission and the Council of Ministers. The first triilogue meetings will take place on 20 March and 24 April. The first triilogue is likely to cover horizontal issues such as partial access and automatic recognition. The second Triilogue will deal with the sectorial professions benefitting automatic recognition.

Although the report adopted by the IMCO Committee falls far short of what the Architects' Council of Europe sought, on balance the ACE may draw some positive conclusions. Regarding the main innovation of the Commission's proposal, the ACE supports the transition to an e-certificate format for the European Professional Card. The ACE remains unconvinced that the professional card would prove beneficial to the process for registering architects who are subject to the automatic recognition regime. According to

the IMCO report, architectural training should now comprise either "a total of at least five years of full-time study" ("5+0"), or "not less than four years of full-time study (...) accompanied by a certificate attesting to the completion of two years of traineeship" ("4+2"). While the ACE continues to advocate a minimum of five-years academic training complemented by 2 years of traineeship ("5+2") in order to gain automatic recognition in other Member States, the options adopted by the IMCO committee represent an improvement compared with "4+0" in the 2005 Directive.

In addition, the ACE has secured the exclusion of the architectural profession from partial access measures, and has supported flexibility to permit recognition of different approaches to traineeship under the amended directive. In the coming weeks, the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council will work to reach an agreement at first reading. The ACE remains committed to making the voice of European architects heard and to working towards further revisions, by 2017, that will align the EU position more closely with prevailing national and international standards.

Review of the Public Procurement Directive: Adoption of the IMCO report and start of the triilogue negotiations

Following the adoption in December 2012 of [Marc Tarabella's report](#) on the review of the 'Classic' Public Procurement Directive (Directive 2004/18/EC), Members of the Internal Market Committee (IMCO) voted on 21 February a mandate to the Rapporteur to begin negotiations with the European Commission and the Council of Ministers. Public procurement contracts account for around 19% of EU GDP and play particularly a key role in the construction sector. The ACE welcomes the simplification of public procurement rules for small and medium-sized enterprises, and the establishment of selection criteria based on quality. However, still much can be done to



facilitate access to public contracts for architectural firms. The ACE reiterates its concerns about the turnover requirements set out in article 56 (selection criteria), since a large majority of architects' offices may not be able to meet these very restrictive criteria. The first triilogue meeting took place on 6 March. Progress was made on the mandatory transposition of procurement procedures, time-limits within those procedures and the innovation partnership. The second triilogue meeting took place on 26 March and dealt with green, social and innovative procurement.

Participation of the ACE in the High Level Strategic Forum on Construction 2020 Strategy



At the invitation of the European Commission, on 29 January 2013 ACE President Selma Harrington attended the High Level Tripartite

Strategic Forum dedicated to the [Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the Construction](#)

[sector and its enterprises](#), the so-called "Construction 2020 Strategy". The purpose of this meeting was to discuss, at policy level, issues related to the coordination, monitoring and impact assessment of the Construction 2020 Strategy. The European Commission presented, on this occasion, the 5 thematic groups set up to steer the implementation of the communication's

action plan, namely: 1) Stimulating investment in renovation and innovation; 2) Skills & Qualifications; 3) Sustainable use of natural resources; 4) Internal Market, products & services; and 5) International Competitiveness. The ACE has been invited by the Commission to

nominate a representative to each thematic group, and therefore will have the possibility to contribute recommendations for the implementation of the Strategy. Final results will be presented by the end of 2013.

EU NEWS

Late Payment Information Campaign – Damaging late payment culture due to end on 16 March

In order to protect European businesses, in particular SMEs, against late payment and to improve their competitiveness, a [Directive 2011/7/EU](#) on combating late payment in commercial transactions was adopted on 16 February 2011. This Directive must be integrated into national law by Member States by 16 March 2013 at the latest. It obliges public authorities to pay for goods and services within 30 calendar days (or, in very exceptional circumstances, within 60 days) and businesses should pay their invoices within 60 calendar days. The European Commission is running its [Late Payment Information Campaign](#) from October 2012 to December 2014 in order to increase awareness amongst European stakeholders, in particular SMEs, and within public authorities on the new rights conferred by Directive 2011/7/EU.

Pay on Time



Simplify life for SMEs by easing the top 10 most burdensome EU laws

In March 2013, the European Commission presented the results of a broad consultation aiming to identify the top 10 most burdensome EU laws for SMEs. Among the EU laws identified by SMEs and business organisations are: VAT legislation, Recognition of professional qualifications, Working time, Labour market-related legislation and Procedures for the award of public contracts. The results of the public consultation are available on the [Commission website](#).



Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan: “Reigniting the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe”



On 9 January 2013, the European Commission presented an action plan to support entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial culture in Europe. The plan stresses the key role of education and training to nurture new generations of entrepreneurs, and includes specific measures to help budding entrepreneurs among young people, women, seniors, migrants, and the unemployed. The plan tackles obstacles to entrepreneurship such as measures to facilitate start-ups and new businesses, make transfers of business ownership more successful and improve access to finance. Access the [Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan](#).

Environment Action Programme to 2020: “Living well, within the limits of our planet”

Following the expiry of the 6th Environment Action Programmes (EAP) in July 2012, the European Commission presented in November the successor programme entitled [Living well, within the limits of our planet](#). The programme provides an overarching framework for environment policy to 2020, identifying nine priority objectives for the EU and its Member States to attain. Among the nine priorities set up by the programme, the EAP gives the Union the objective to « enhance the sustainability of EU cities ». In March 2013, the European Parliament started to examine the Commission’s proposal and will adopt its final position in July 2013.



European Parliament resolution on the « Energy roadmap 2050 »

The European Parliament adopted, at its plenary sitting of the 14 March 2013, a motion for resolution on the Commission Communication « [Energy Roadmap 2050 – A future with energy](#) ». In this document, the European Parliament « stresses that the EU’s long-term energy-efficiency policy should take the reduction of energy use in buildings as a central element, given that existing building renovation represents



enormous energy saving potential » and that « the current rate and quality of building renovation needs to be substantially scaled up in order to allow the EU to significantly reduce the energy consumption of the existing building stock by 80 %, relative to 2010 levels, by 2050 ». In this regard, it calls on the Member States « to adopt ambitious, long-term building renovation strategies as required by the Energy Efficiency Directive ».

Social Housing in the European Union



On 28 January 2013, MEP KarimaDelli presented a [draft report on social housing in the EU](#) at a joint meeting of the URBAN Intergroup and the Public Services Intergroup of the European Parliament. This report aims to show that the social housing sector is a lever for overcoming the economic and social crisis. In particular, K. Delli emphasised its potential in terms of creating sustainable local jobs that cannot be relocated. She also stressed the need to encourage a real fair energy transition through the construction and renovation of social housing. She called for the creation of a Social investment pact and the establishment of a European Housing Observatory. The EU should enhance investments in social housing by encouraging the use of Structural Funds and instruments of the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Internal Market for Services: State of play and next steps

The Internal Market Committee (IMCO) of the European Parliament organised on 20 February 2013 a public hearing on the implementation of the Services Directive, in order to fuel the work of the Rapporteur, Anna MariaCorazza-Bildt. The hearing focused on two main elements: how to remove barriers and unleash growth in services and how to maximise the economic effects for consumers and businesses, keeping up with innovation. According to Anna MariaCorazza-Bildt, the EU could gain up to 2.6% of GDP over the next 5 to 10 years if the Services Directive were enforced properly. As experts and members stressed, however, it was equally important to ensure a good interplay with other pieces of legislation affecting the services sector, such as the recognition of professional qualifications and matters governing the posting of workers. Read the [Communication of the European Commission on the implementation of the Services Directive](#)



ACE MATTERS

1st meeting of the new Executive Board

The ACE Executive Board held its first meeting on 18 January 2013, with the participation of its five new members, appointed by rotation: BulentBatuman (Turkey), Vincent Cassar (Malta), Martin Drahovsky (Slovakia), David Falla (United Kingdom) and IndrekNäkk (Estonia). On this occasion, the ACE Executive Board confirmed the nomination of JuditKimpian (RIBA) as Chair of the Work Group *Environment & Sustainable Architecture*, and the nomination of Margaret O'Flanagan (RIAI) as Chair of the Work Group *Professional Qualifications Directive*.



Results of the 10th Economic Trends Survey



In February 2013, the Architects' Council of Europe published the results of its 10th Economic Trends Survey, which gives a detailed picture of the nature and extent of the economic crisis on the architectural market. Whereas the results show that waves of uncertainty continue to hit the architectural profession, some slight improvements leave hope for the future. The survey reveals that more than six in ten European architects responding consider that the economic climate in which they are currently working, is not favourable to their activities. However, despite the current adverse economic climate, a large majority of respondents (62,5%) is not expecting a change in staff numbers in the short term. This might be explained by the fact that 41% of European architects expect their workload to be stable over the coming three months and 22% even expect a slight increase. Read the full survey results on the [ACE website](#).

EU FUNDED PROJECTS

Through its involvement in EU Funded Projects, ACE is supporting sustainable development in the built environment and advocating for the architects role in energy renovation processes. Currently there are 4 on-going research projects, funded by the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) and the Innovation and Competitiveness Programme (CIP-IEE). These projects are: [OPEN HOUSE](#), [SHELTER](#), [LEEMA](#), and [iNSPiRe](#). All are related to the building sector and are addressing issues related to sustainability, energy efficiency and renovation, innovative materials and technologies. For more information you can contact the ACE Project Officer: eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu

❖ OPEN HOUSE- FP7 Project



The objective of the [OPEN HOUSE](#) project is to develop and to implement a common European building assessment methodology for planning and constructing sustainable buildings. This three and a half- year project is coming to an end in July 2013. The results of the pilot assessment of a total of 68 case studies all over Europe by means of the OPEN HOUSE methodology will be presented in detail in April 2013 as part of a forum organised in line with the [SB13 Munich Conference](#). The final OPEN HOUSE workshop will take place in line with the EU Sustainable Energy Week organised by the European Commission (23-28 June 2013). In the following link you can access and download the 2nd Newsletter of the project: <http://www.openhouse-fp7.eu>

❖ SHELTER- IEE Project



The [SHELTER](#) project is bringing together Social Housing organisations and European professionals for testing and promoting project teams in Energy Renovation. This three-year project is coming to an end in May 2013. Currently political recommendations are being finalised by the ACE in collaboration with CECODHAS Housing Europe and the European Builders' Confederation. A detailed guide, presenting the types of energy renovations applied in social housing, effective project delivery methods and effective energy renovation strategies, will accompany the recommendations. The outcomes of the project will be officially presented in the final conference that will take place the 22nd of May in Dublin. For more information you can access: www.shelterproject-ieee.eu

❖ LEEMA- FP7 Project



The objective of [LEEMA](#) project is to develop a new generation of inorganic insulation materials and building-insulation masonry components that will be suitable for applications both in new and retrofitted buildings. The developed materials will have significantly lower embodied energy (by 70-90%) and a lower unit cost (by 25-30% compared to the cost of commonly used insulation materials). Moreover, they will not present any technical, health and/or environmental drawbacks. The 3rd consortium meeting for LEEMA took place last January in Genoa, where issues regarding the exploitation of the developed materials and technologies were discussed. For more information please visit the project website: www.leema.eu

❖ iNSPiRe- FP7 Project



[iNSPiRe](#) is a 4 year project (Oct 2012- Oct 2016). There are 24 partners in the project's consortium from 8 EU countries. Among the partners there are representatives of research and development institutes, industry, business and non-profit organisations. The objective of iNSPiRe is to tackle the problem of high-energy consumption by producing systemic renovation packages that can be applied to residential and tertiary buildings. The renovation packages to be developed by iNSPiRE will aim to reduce the primary energy consumption of a building to below 50kWh/m²/year. The packages need to be suitable to a variety of climates while ensuring optimum comfort for the building users. For more information you can access the project website: www.inspirefp7.eu



Intelligent Energy Europe Call for Research Project Proposals

The latest Intelligent Energy Europe 2013 call for research projects was presented at the European Info day, on 23 January in Brussels. In this call, one of the areas of particular interest to the ACE is the section referring to "Priorities on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources in Buildings". One of the aims of this area is to promote the Continuous Professional Development of professionals in the design and management of constructions by means of a wide scale rollout of training. Among those who are encouraged to respond to this specific call are: a) Associations of Building Professionals, b) Training Providers, c) Parties with technical input. This is a very important opportunity for ACE and all Member Organisations to get involved. The closing date for the submission of proposals is 8 May 2013.

Find out more information at: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.htm

NEWS FROM ACE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Léo Van Broeck, new President of the *Fédération des Sociétés d'Architectes de Belgique*



Léo Van Broeck was appointed President of the *Fédération des Sociétés d'Architectes de Belgique* for a term of 3 years. Leo Van Broeck succeeds Luc Deleuze. Since 2007 he runs the *Bogdan & Van Broeck Architects* and teaches at the KU Leuven.

More information on the FAB website: www.fab-arch.be

Sofia architecture week – Sofia becomes the European architectural capital for a week

This annual architectural event, co-organised by the magazine "EDNO" and the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria (CAB), will take place in Sofia (Bulgaria) from 25 November to 1 December 2013. This year's theme is "Future City". There will be variety of interesting exhibitions, workshops, seminars, etc. More information at on the [website of the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria](http://www.cab.bg).

First European Award of Intervention on Architectural Heritage

The Association of Architects for the Defence and Intervention on Architectural Heritage (AADIPA) and the College of Architects of Catalonia (COAC) convene the First European Award of Intervention on Architectural Heritage. The Award will be convened every two years and has the vocation to become a referent in Europe. The objective of the award is to promote and enhance the rehabilitation and restoration of our Heritage, to show interventions of quality made in Europe and to distinguish the most relevant ones. In this first edition are eligible interventions and works made during the period 2006-2012. More information in English, French, Spanish and Catalan available at: <http://www.premiaadipa.eu>

OTHER MATTERS

Estonian Young Architect Award 2012 goes to Veronika Valk



During the formal award ceremony held on 14 February, at the general meeting of the Union of Estonian Architects, President of the Republic of Estonia Mr Toomas Hendrik Ilves announced the recipient of the Estonian Young Architect Award 2012, which went to Veronika Valk. Veronika Valk co-authored inter alia the exhibit of the Estonian pavilion at the international Venice Architecture Biennale. Read more on: <http://nap.arhliit.ee>

2013 EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture

In February 2013 the European Commission and the Fundació Mies van der Rohe announced the five finalists who will compete for the 2013 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture –

Mies van der Rohe Award :

- **City Hall** – Ghent (Belgium): Robbrecht en Daem architecten; Marie-José Van Heerarchitecten
- **Superkilen** – Copenhagen (Denmark): BIG Bjarke Ingels Group; Topotek1; Superflex
- **Harpa, Reykjavik Concert Hall & Conference Centre** – Reykjavik (Iceland): Batteríid architects; Henning Larsen Architects; Studio Olafur Eliasson
- **House for Elderly People** – Alcácer do Sal (Portugal): Aires Mateus Arquitectos
- **Metropol Parasol** – Seville (Spain): J. Mayer H.

The overall winner of the Prize, as well as the 'special mention' award for best emerging architect, will be announced in May, with an award ceremony on 6 June at the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion in Barcelona. More information on: <http://www.miesarch.com>

Toyo Ito winner of the 2013 Pritzker Architecture Prize

On 18 March, Thomas J. Pritzker, chairman of The Hyatt Foundation which sponsors the Pritzker Architecture Prize announced that the Japanese architect Toyo Ito will be the recipient of the 2013 Pritzker prize. Ito is the sixth Japanese architect to receive this prize. More information on: www.pritzkerprize.com

▲ PUBLICATIONS

Energy Efficiency and the ETS

Study issued in January 2013 by the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament, in which a chapter is dedicated to the energy efficiency legislation. This study shows that building consumption represents 40% of Europe's total energy needs. Access the study on the [EP website](#).

New BPIE guide supports EU Member States in developing ambitious renovation strategies

The Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE), an independent not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the energy performance of buildings across Europe, has produced a guide to which will help EU Member States to develop the first version of their renovation strategies, to be published by 30 April 2014. Access the report on the [BPIE website](#).

TrainRebuild Manual: Launch of European training manual on energy efficiency retrofits

Finding ways to improve the energy efficiency of residential properties is the focus of this manual produced in the framework of the TrainRebuild project, with the collaboration of the Architects' Council of Europe. Now available in both electronic and printed format, this guide addressed both to homeowners and building professionals with the purpose to enable them to identify the issues that affect the energy use and carbon emissions from residential properties. It supports property owners and building professionals in identifying interventions that minimises energy use and carbon emissions in a cost effective way. Find out more information on the [TrainRebuild website](#).

▲ COMPETITIONS

The Ruth and Ralph Erskine Nordic Stipend Fund

The next Ralph Erskine Award will be presented in relation to the 100 anniversary of Ralph Erskine's birth in the beginning of 2014. The Ralph Erskine Award was established by the fund in 1988 and amounts to 10,000 USD. Its Articles of Endowment provide for it to be conferred upon an individual, group or organization for innovation in architecture and urban design with regard to social, ecological and aesthetic aspects. More information on the website of the [Swedish Association of Architects](#).

Launch of European 12

The 12th session of the European competition was launched in March 2013. The theme of the 2013 edition is the concept of "Adaptable city". *European* is directed at young professionals under 40 years of

age and with a European degree or working in Europe. More information at: <http://www.euopan-europe.eu>

[1:1] European Student Competition on Sustainable Architecture

The 4th edition of the European Student Competition on Sustainable Architecture asks students to find light and economical solutions which will enable people to build “an extra room”. Starting with a real location, students will work with residents in order to identify their needs and come up with solutions based on additional volumes realisable in kit-form. More information at: <http://studentcompetition.citechailot.fr>.

▲EVENTS

EFAP Conference “Shaping the Future”, Dublin 8 to 11 May 2013

The European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP) is organising in collaboration with the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) a conference programme for the 8-11 May in Dublin Castle. The objective of the conference will be to discuss with key stakeholders in Europe on how to build on Council conclusions on architecture 2008 in the context of the overall theme of stability, jobs and growth. This conference will consist in 4 round tables/workshops bringing together policy makers, mayors, and practitioners. More information on the [EFAP website](#).

EU Sustainable Energy Week, 24 to 28 June 2013

The EU Sustainable Energy Week is a core activity of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign. Every year hundreds of organisations and individuals participate in the EUSEW. From 24 to 28 June 2013, EU Sustainable Energy Week will take place across Europe. Through bottom-up efforts, organisers of EUSEW Energy Days, events and activities connect directly with citizens and energy stakeholders at the local, regional and national levels. More information and registration at: <http://www.eusew.eu>

Portugal SB13 – Contribution of Sustainable building for EU 20-20-20 Targets, 30 October-1 November 2013, Guimares (Portugal)

The iiSBE-Portugal with the support of University of Minho and Technical university of Lisbon will organise from the 30th October till the 1st November 2013 a conference in Guimaraes on solutions to reach the so-called EU 20-20-20 targets. This Conference is integrated in the 2013-2014 Sustainable Building conference series and aims to encourage the meeting between experts from all over the world, promote discussion and share knowledge over sustainable construction approaches. More information on the [iiSBE website](#).

International Architecture Biennale of Antalya, 7 September to 7 October 2013, Antalya (Turkey)

IABA II. International Architecture Biennale will be held from 7 September to 7 October 2013 in Antalya. Two separate exhibitions in cooperation with the UMAP (Union of Mediterranean Architects) will be organised: 1) Traditional Mediterranean Architecture and 2) Contemporary Mediterranean Architecture. More information on www.iaba.com.tr

▲PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Selection of useful and interesting links

European Commission – Homepage: http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm

European Commission – Professional Qualifications

Directive: http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm#docs

European Parliament – Homepage: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu>

Irish EU Presidency (January to June 2013): www.eu2013.ie

Lithuanian EU Presidency (July to December 2013): <http://www.eu2013.lt/en>

EU Video Website: <http://www.youtube.com/eutube>

European Forum for Architectural Policies: <http://www.efap-fepa.eu>

Sustainable building website: www.sustainablebuilding.info

Collegid'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC) international relations database: <http://www.coac.net/international/>

Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori (CNAPPC) database - ArchiEuro: <http://www.awn.it/AWN/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/26111AWN0905/L/1>

Network of French Architecture Centres: www.ma-lereseau.org

European Construction Technology Platform: <http://www.ectp.org>

Build Up website on energy efficient buildings: <http://www.buildup.eu>

Archi-Student website: www.archi-students.org

Passive and Draught Cooling in Buildings – the website of a EU-funded project that shows the way towards a pragmatic alternative to conventional air conditioning in buildings: www.phdc.eu

Database of Digital Architecture – a subscription based website that contains several sections including one that provides images of the works of the great masters of architect and videos of talks by famous architects has been set up: www.pidgeondigital.com

Interactive Database for Architects – launched in March 2008, this site provides an opportunity for all architectural practices to become globally recognised: www.worldarchitecture.org

Useful tip:

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